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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a Form PTO 1449 and copies of references cited in a International Search Report, dated November 20, 2000, in a corresponding foreign application for the Examiner's consideration.

This Information Disclosure Statement is intended to be in full compliance with the rules, but should the Examiner find any part of its required content to have been omitted, prompt notice to that effect is earnestly solicited, along with additional time under Rule 97(f), to enable Applicant to comply fully.

Consideration of the foregoing and the enclosure plus the return of a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 along with an early action on the merits of this application are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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